

## PROJECT / ACTIVITY LISTING

On or about July 1, 2005 the City of Northampton will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$ 843,817 from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

In addition to the City's Year 22 award, prior year CDBG funds, which have been programmed but are not under contract, shall be re-programmed as part of the Year 22 Action Plan. The City has taken this step in order to provide the public a comprehensive understanding of activities to be undertaken during the Year 22 program year.

Pursuant to HUD regulations, activities must meet one of the following CDBG national objectives: (1) activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income; (2) activities aiding in the elimination of slums and blight.

The following outlines activities and/or programs to be funded by the CDBG program beginning July 1, 2005 and the priority objectives that they address.

### *Housing Activities      \$ 314,480*

Undertake the following housing activities designed to address health, safety, and building code issues and stabilize the City's housing stock, ensuring decent, safe and affordable housing for the City's low and moderate income residents; undertake a homebuyer assistance program; assist with the development of affordable rental housing; provide assistance to local development organizations developing affordable housing; and establish a housing drawdown fund which will accept applications for CDBG funds as projects are identified.

#### *Elder Home Repair / Housing Rehab Program      \$ 152,500*

Undertake a home repair program (\$80,000) targeted to income eligible homeowners 60 years of age or older. Undertake a housing rehabilitation program (\$72,500) targeted to income eligible homeowners; programs shall address health, safety and building code issues. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

#### *First Time Homebuyer Assistance      \$ 20,000*

Undertake a first time homebuyer assistance program, which provides direct referrals to HOME funded down payment assistance programs and/or HOME funded units for low and moderate-income households pursuing homeownership. Timeframe: July 1, 2005– June 30, 2006

#### *Village at Hospital Hill Rental Housing      \$ 75,000*

Provide resources to the Community Builders Inc. for predevelopment activities, rehabilitation and development of affordable rental housing within the Village at Hospital Hill. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

#### *Housing Drawdown Fund      \$ 66,980*

Establish a housing draw down fund available for the preservation and creation of affordable rental housing and homeownership projects targeted to the City's low and moderate-income residents. As opportunities are identified, applications for funding shall be made to the Northampton Housing Partnership and Office of Planning & Development for funding recommendation to the Mayor. Timeframe: Rolling Application Process beginning July 1, 2005

***Priority Objectives Addressed***

<u>Year 22 Project / Activity</u>	<u>Priority Need Addressed</u>
<i>COA Elder Home Repair CDC Housing Rehab Program</i>	<i>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation and Repair Lead Paint Abatement Preservation of Affordable Housing Stock</i>
<i>First Time Homebuyer Assistance</i>	<i>Housing Support Services</i>
<i>Village at Hospital Hill Rental Housing</i>	<i>Creation of Affordable Rental Housing Stock Housing for Special Needs Populations</i>
<i>Housing Drawdown Fund</i>	<i>Preservation and Creation of Affordable Housing; rolling application process; projects are funded as opportunities are identified</i>

***Public Infrastructure Improvements \$ 184,700***

Undertake public infrastructure improvements within CDBG eligible areas with the goal of providing a suitable living environment for low / moderate income citizens.

**Streets and Sidewalks**

Various Locations: Improvements to streetscapes and sidewalks shall include but will not be limited to the following projects.

Center and Sate Street Reconstruction	\$ 120,000
Downtown Streetscapes	\$ 24,700
Curb Cuts for Access – Various Locations	\$ 15,000
Jackson Street Bikepath Access	\$ 25,000

Timeframe: July1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

### ***Priority Objectives Addressed***

<u>Year 22 Project / Activity</u>	<u>Priority Need Addressed</u>
Center and State Street Reconstruction	Public infrastructure and streetscape improvements in eligible areas
Downtown Streetscapes	Public infrastructure and streetscape improvements in eligible areas
Curb Cuts / Various Locations	Address architectural barriers
Village at Hospital Hill Infrastructure	Public infrastructure and streetscape improvements in eligible areas

### ***Public Facilities and Access*** ***\$ 44,000***

Develop and improve municipal facilities within CDBG eligible areas and/or those facilities serving the City's low / moderate income population with the goal of ensuring citizens have access to and use of adequate public facilities. Undertake access improvements ensuring persons with physical disabilities adequate access to public facilities and services.

#### *Forbes Library Access Lift* *\$ 24,000*

Provision of an access lift at Forbes Library providing full accessibility to physically challenged persons. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

#### *Access for Municipal Buildings* *\$ 10,000*

Provision of access improvements consisting of, but not limited to, automatic door openers for City Hall, Municipal Hall and the Pulchalski Municipal Building. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

#### *Leeds Memorial Park* *\$ 8,500*

Construction of a pocket park for passive recreation at the site of the Leeds flood memorial. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

### ***Priority Objectives Addressed***

<u>Year 22 Project / Activity</u>	<u>Priority Need Addressed</u>
<i>Forbes Library Access Lift</i>	<i>Provide Adequate Public Facilities Remove Architectural Barriers</i>

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*Access for Municipal Buildings*

*Provide Adequate Public Facilities  
Remove Architectural Barriers*

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*Leeds Memorial Park*

*Provide adequate facilities for recreation*

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***Economic Development Activities***

***160,804***

Economic development activities that promote job creation and retention within Northampton, and which promote the development of micro-business enterprises, principally targeted to benefit the City's low and moderate-income citizens.

*Micro-Business Assistance Program*

*\$ 25,000*

Provision of technical assistance to income eligible Northampton residents seeking to develop a small business or expand an existing micro-enterprise including business plan creation, understanding and developing financial systems, marketing, and access to micro-lending funds which provide alternative financing to businesses not able to secure conventional financing. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

*Economic Development Loan Program*

*\$ 110,804*

Establish a loan pool providing loans to start up businesses and/or businesses expanding with the goal of job creation or retention for low and moderate-income persons. Timeframe: Rolling Application Process July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

*ED Pre Development Fund*

*\$ 25,000*

Pre-development assistance for City sponsored economic development activities such as the Route 10 business park site with the goal of job creation and retention for the City's low and moderate income population. Pre-development activities include but are not limited to wetland delineation, sub surface soil investigation, market studies and other infrastructure analysis required for development. Timeframe: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

***Priority Objectives Addressed***

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***Year 21 Project / Activity***

***Priority Need Addressed***

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*Micro-Business Assistance Program*

*Tech Assistance to Micro Businesses  
Low / Mod Job Opportunities*

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*Economic Development Loan Program*

*Low / Mod Job Opportunities*

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*ED Pre Development Fund*

*Low / Mod Job Opportunities  
Commercial and Industrial Infrastructure*

***Public Services / \$126,500***

Provide funding for public service and anti-poverty programs targeted to the City's low and moderate income population through community based non-profit agencies and organizations. Public services include, but are not limited to, recreational programs, youth programs, housing support programs and the provision of basic needs. Timeframe: July 2005 – June 2006

***Big Brothers & Big Sisters / Mentoring Program \$ 4,000***

A mentoring program targeted to Jackson Street school students; primarily students living at Hampshire Heights, Hampton Gardens, Country Lane Estates, and Hampton Gardens, all subsidized housing developments in Northampton.

***Casa Latina / Bridges for Latinos \$ 21,500***

Outreach, education, advocacy, case management and linkage to literacy programs for low and moderate income Latino households in Northampton.

***CHD / SRO Outreach Project \$ 18,000***

Services for the residents of the City's single room occupancy (SRO) housing offering outreach services, education, case management, advocacy and emergency food assistance.

***Center for New Americans / ESL Classes \$ 4,500***

Staff costs for English language and computer classes for adult immigrants and their children.

***Hampshire YMCA / Jackson Street After School \$ 7,000***

After school programming that provides social activities, tutoring and homework assistance for children residing in subsidized housing.

***Jessie's House Childcare Enrichment \$ 6,000***

Quality child care services for families residing at Jessie's House, the family homeless shelter serving Hampshire County, allowing client families to complete job training, education and a permanent housing search.

***HDP / Fair Housing Activities \$ 2,000***

Advocacy and training focusing on fair housing laws and fair lending practices through services provided by the Housing Discrimination Project Inc.

***ServiceNet / Grove Street Inn Staffing \$17,000***

Operating funds for the City's homeless shelter for individuals.

***ServiceNet. / Hampshire County Interfaith Shelter \$15,000***

Operating funds for the Interfaith Community Cot Shelter (cold weather homeless shelter).

***Survival Center / Food Purchases \$ 13,000***

Purchase of food for distribution to needy Northampton households.

*Manna / Soup Kitchen* \$ 2,200  
Provision of meals three times per week at Edwards Church through Manna.

*YWCA / Youth Works Program* \$9,000  
Outreach and advocacy to youth and youth at-risk of homelessness; services to address employment readiness, unstable housing, substance abuse, literacy and educational deficits.

*Northampton Public Schools / Even Start* \$ 4,300  
Toddler and infant care for adults enrolled in the Even Start, an adult literacy program.

*Prize Zone / Marginalized Youth Intervention* \$ 5,000  
Provision of on site tutorial assistance, job development training, transitional employment placement and housing assistance services.

*Freedom Center / Mental Health Access Project* \$ 2,000  
Provision of one-to-one peer counseling assistance and peer drop in support at a downtown Northampton location to residents with severe mental illness or at risk for mental illness.

***Priority Objectives Addressed***

<u>Year 21 Project / Activity</u>	<u>Priority Need Addressed</u>
<i>Big Brothers &amp; Big Sisters / Mentoring Program</i>	<i>Youth Services</i>
<i>Casa Latina / Bridges for Latinos</i>	<i>Housing Support Outreach &amp; Advocacy Language and Literacy Skills</i>
<i>SRO Outreach Project</i>	<i>Housing Support Outreach &amp; Advocacy Provision of Basic Needs</i>
<i>Center for New Americans / ESL Classes</i>	<i>Language and Literacy Skills</i>
<i>YMCA Jackson Street After School</i>	<i>Youth Services</i>
<i>Pride Zone / Marginalized Youth Program</i>	<i>Youth Services</i>
<i>Jessie's House Child Care Enrichment</i>	<i>Youth Services Housing Services</i>
<i>HDP Fair Housing Activities</i>	<i>Housing Services</i>
<i>Grove Street Homeless Shelter Staffing</i>	<i>Housing Services</i>
<i>Interfaith Cot Shelter Staffing</i>	<i>Housing Services</i>
<i>Survival Center Emergency Food</i>	<i>Basic Essential Needs</i>

*Manna Soup Kitchen*

*Basic Essential Needs*

*YWCA Youth Works Program*

*Youth Services  
Basic Essential Needs*

*Northampton Public Schools Even Start*

*Adult Language and Literacy  
Youth Services*

*Freedom Center / Mental Health Access*

*Support Services; Special Needs  
Populations*

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### ***Administration & Planning \$168,764***

Professional planning expertise including neighborhood planning, historic preservation, the development and preservation of affordable housing, administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Economic development activities providing business support for job creation and retention activities. Timeframe: July 2005 – June 2006

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### ***Geographic Distribution***

All area benefit activities funded by the City are located within CDBG eligible census tracts. Direct benefit activities are funded throughout the City at locations, which meet direct benefit criteria. The following outlines the City's rationale for the geographic distribution of activities in relation to specific program areas.

#### ***Infrastructure***

CDBG funded public infrastructure projects are generally located within CDBG eligible census tracts and are based on the recommendations of the Department of Public Works and priorities developed by the Office of Planning and Development. In some cases income surveys may be used to determine the eligibility of area benefit activities. The City has also funded curb cuts throughout the city to provide handicap access based on the recommendation of the Northampton Disabilities Committee. In all cases the low / moderate income "service area test" is also applied to these projects.

#### ***Public Facilities***

Public facility improvements, such as parks and playgrounds, are undertaken within CDBG eligible census tracts. Other public facility activities are carried out with service providers at specific locations that provide direct services to low and moderate-income persons, such as Jessie's House family homeless shelter located on West Street.

#### ***Housing Rehabilitation***

Participation in the Council on Aging Home Repair Program is limited to income eligible homeowners 60 years of age or older Citywide. No geographic targeting of program resources is

undertaken. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Financial need, housing quality standards and funding availability are the primary criteria for participation.

The City's housing rehabilitation program, which is administered by the Valley Community Development Corporation operates in a similar manner. Applications are accepted at designated times during the calendar year. Participation is based primarily on income eligibility, financial need and the housing quality standards of the applicant household.

### ***Funding Sources***

Year 22 CDBG Allocation	\$ 843,817
Prior Year Re-Programmed CDBG Funds	<u>\$ 155,381</u>
Total Funding for Year 22 Activities	\$ 999,198

Questions or comments regarding the City's Draft CDBG Consolidated Plan and Action Plan may be directed to the following:

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